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- 1. In accordance with the wage scheme for administrative employees now in force:
 - a. Employees in Wage Category Al receive monthly between 440 and 593 Kcs. (the former figure applies to those with one and two years of service, the latter to those with 15 years of service).
 - b. Employees in Categories A2, A3 and A4 receive between 479 Kcs. and 966 Kcs. monthly (figures analogous to those in para. la above; 966 Kcs. are only paid after 20 years' service).
 - c. Employees in Category A5, who hold responsible posts, such as accountants, chief cashiers, heads of sections, etc., start at the figure of 1,020 Kcs. monthly. Such officials, where length of service enables them to earn between 1,300 and 1,400 Kcs., are regarded as very highly paid officials.
 - d. Craftsmen in categories M1 to M3 receive between 536 and 894 Kcs. monthly for between one and 20 years of service.
 - e. Foremen craftsmen in category M4, who supervise the craftsmen in lower categories, receive a starting figure of 930 Kcs. monthly.
 - The piece rate for light-industry workers varies between 1.98 and. 3.98 Kcs. per hour.
 - g. Skilled workers can obtain increased rates.
 - h. Heavy-industry workers receive up to 7 Kcs. an hour.

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- 2. Restaurants are placed in four categories.
 - a. The Hotel Alcron alone is in category 1.
 - b. In restaurants in Categories 3 and 4, a simple meal costs 15 Kcs., whereas in higher categories it costs between twice and three times as much.
- 3. In the shops, prices are as follows:

Butter	1 kilogram	51 ,	Kcs.
40% cheese	l kilogram	32	Kcs.
Milk	l liter	2.40	Kcs.
Roll	l liter	0.40	Kcs.
Pork fat	l kilogram	34-36	Kcs.
Sugar	l kilogram	12	Kcs.
Coffee	l kilogram	300	Kcs.
Material (Mischgewebe)	1 meter	500-800	Kca.
Shoes	l pair	340	Kcs. upwards
Suit (ready made)		1,200-2,000	Kcs.

- 4. In the Hotel Alcron, a cup of Turkish coffee costs 4 Kcs. (including 40-heller tip), and a glass of tea with a large cognac costs 25 Kcs. (including 1.40 Kcs. tip).
- 5. The cost of rent is approximately 20% of the individual's salary.

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